



INITIATIVE COORDINATOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

October 12, 2011

## VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Honorable Kamala Harris Attorney General State of California 1300 "T" Street Sacramento, CA 95814

ATTN: Dawn McFarland, Initiative Coordinator

Re: Request for Title and Summary - Initiative Constitutional
Amendment

Dear Attorney General Harris:

Pursuant to Article II, Section 10(d) of the California Constitution and Section 9002 of the Elections Code, we are submitting the attached proposed statewide ballot initiative measure to your office. We request that you prepare a title and summary of the measure as provided by law.

We have also included with this letter the following documents:

- (1) The required statement under California Elections Code section 9608, signed the proponent;
- (2) A separate page containing the address at which the proponent is registered to vote; and
  - (3) A check in the amount of \$200.

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Should you require any further information, please contact Thomas Watson at Love Honor Cherish, 3940 Laurel Canyon Blvd., #946, Studio City, CA 91604, or at

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas B. Watson

This amendment would amend an existing section of the California Constitution. Existing language proposed to be deleted is printed in strikeout type. Language proposed to be added is printed in underlined type.

Section 1. To protect religious freedom, no court shall interpret this measure to require any priest, minister, pastor, rabbi, or other person authorized to perform marriages by any religious denomination, church, or other non-profit religious institution to perform any marriage in violation of his or her religious beliefs. The refusal to perform a marriage under this provision shall not be the basis for lawsuit or liability, and shall not affect the tax-exempt status of any religious denomination, church or other religious institution.

Section 2. To provide for fairness in the government's issuance of marriage licenses, Section 7.5 of Article I of the California Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 7.5. Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California. Marriage is between only two persons and shall not be restricted on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or religion.